WP(C) 2508/2007

BEFORE

THE HON’BLE MR JUSTICE HRISHIKESH ROY

Heard Mr. R.K. Dutta, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. MK Misra, learned standing counsel for Education Deptt.

The grievance made in the present petition is denial of financial assistance to the four petitioner ME Schools by the impugned order dt. 24.2.06 whereas the respondents No.6 to 12 schools have been selected for grant of such benefit. It is contended by the petitioners that the respondent schools were established at a later point of time and in terms of the policy laid down by the Govt. the petitioner schools deserved to be given financial assistance before the respondent schools.

Mr. Misra, learned standing counsel submits that a comparative statement of the writ petitioner and respondent schools have already been made by the Deputy Director of Elementary Education, Assam and it would be possible for the authorities to resolve the dispute raised by the petitioners.

The learned counsel for the petitioners has also drawn attention to the judgment and order dt. 22.5.07 passed by this Court in WP(C) No. 1799/07 (Hemendra Das vs. State of Assam) and it is submitted that the present writ petition could be disposed of by directing the respondent authorities to consider the case of the petitioner in line with the direction given by this Court in Hemendra Das (supra).

The learned standing counsel, Education Deptt. also submits that the present case can be disposed of accordingly.

In view of above, this writ petition is disposed of by directing the respondent authorities to consider the claim of the writ petitioner schools for grant of financial assistance as per direction given by this Court in Hemendra Das (supra) and the norms applicable for grant of such financial assistance. Such action shall be taken expeditiously and preferably within four months from today.

With the aforesaid, the writ petition is disposed of.